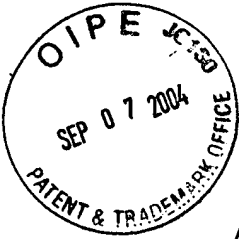


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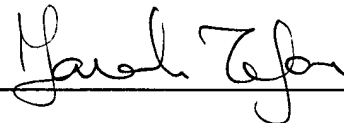
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 5, 2004 in connection with the above-identified Application.

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The Office Action imposed a restriction by requiring that Applicants elect one of Group I (Claims 1-8 and 17-21), Group II (Claims 9-16), and Group III (Claims 22-25), Group IV (Claims 26-29), Group V (Claims 30-33).

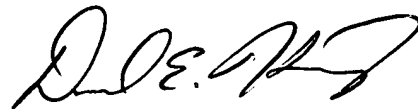
Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I (Claims 1-8 and 17-21).

Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims of at least the scope of the non-elected claims (i.e., claims 9-16 and 22-33) in one or more related Applications.

An early and favorable communication is hereby earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants Representative collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this Response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0901.

Respectfully submitted,



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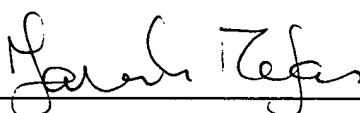
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Enclosed is/are:

- [x] Transmittal Letter (this form, 2 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 4;
- [x] Response to Restriction Requirement, Total Pages: 2;
- [x] Return Receipt Pre-paid Postcard (in duplicate), Total Postcards: 2;
- [x] Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0901, if necessary.

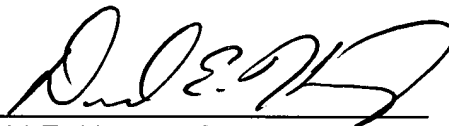
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| Independent Claims | 6 | 6 | 0 | X \$86.00 | = \$0.00 |
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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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